

## 2.4 DEVELOP BETTER LINKS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT

*The benefits of increased city visitation and patronage of city services and facilities by public transport is significant, especially as much of the infrastructure places little demand upon the road network and city approach routes. Within the local traffic network, streets need to be designed and managed to achieve a better balance between requirements for essential vehicular access, and encouraging a dramatic increase in the proportion of trips using sustainable transport. Coordination between public transport, walking and cycling removes countless vehicles from the city's streets, enabling the development of attractive people-friendly spaces.*

- Increase bus and tram priority on important routes into and out of the central city, including increased peak, evening and weekend services.
- Develop active frontages adjoining tram or bus stops to provide passive surveillance.
- Provide additional functions and amenities at transit stops including weather protection, real-time information screens, etc.
- Improve the quality of pedestrian/tram interchanges within streets, ensuring the safety of both boarding and alighting passengers, people with disabilities, and pedestrian passers-by.
- Develop active frontages adjoining tram or bus stops to provide passive surveillance.
- Support the State Government's 'Tram Priority' program and ongoing improvements to tram services and infrastructure.
- Coordinate with bus companies to identify route improvements and improve access to the central city, including bus priority along certain routes and at key intersections.



- Improve water-based public transport on the Yarra, linking to services on Victoria Harbour and the Maribyrnong River and providing supporting riverside facilities including wharves, ferry docks and water taxi stops.
- Plan for further public transport extension into the Fishermans Bend area.

*The recent installation of tram 'superstops' provides safer and more comfortable, fully accessible access for passengers, and includes touchscreens and real time travel information.*